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## CHAIRMAN POWELL ANNOUCES BARBARA J. DOUGLAS TO LEAVE THE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. – FCC Chairman Michael Powell today announced that Barbara J. Douglas, Director of the FCC's Office of Workplace Diversity, is leaving the Commission.

Powell said, "I must regretfully announce that Barbara Douglas has decided to move on from her position as Director of the Commission's Office of Workplace Diversity. Fostering a diverse workplace has always been a top priority for me at the FCC. I'd like to thank Barbara for her tireless efforts to promote equal employment opportunities, affirmative employment and other diversity matters. I am delighted to know that Barbara will now be pursuing a long-term goal of creating mentoring and networking opportunities for women of color in the legal profession."

Douglas was named Director of the Office of Workplace Diversity by Powell in October 2002. She was previously Associate Bureau Chief and Chief of Staff in the FCC's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau.

Prior to joining the Commission, Douglas served as vice president of America's Promise - The Alliance for Youth, a national, not-for-profit organization. At America's Promise, she developed and managed relationships and supervised outreach efforts with key corporate, philanthropic, not-for-profit and faith-based organizations. She also served as a project director with the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, an organization dedicated to helping people in low-income communities become self-sufficient through public policy, leadership training and economic development initiatives.

Previously, Douglas was an associate with the law firm of Patton, Boggs & Blow in Washington, DC, and Baltimore, where she practiced civil litigation and administrative law. She also served as a court law clerk on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

She is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and Georgetown University Law Center.